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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMMENTATORS DIVERGE ON MEANING OF US
DEFENSE APPROPRIATION PROPOSALS

1. ZA RUBEZHOM DEF EDITOR PARAMONOV (WRITING IN NOVOYE
VREMYA NO. 4) AND IZVESTIYA'S MATVEYEV (ON MOSCOW TV
JAN 22) DIVERGE IN THEIR ASSESSMENTS OF THE SIGNIFICANCE FOR
SALT OF CURRENT US DEFENSE APPROPRIATION PROPOSALS. WHILE
NEITHER PRETENDS TO SET DOWN A DEFINITIVE OPINION OF HOW THE
DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARD MIGHT AFFECT SALT, THEIR VIEWS POS-
SIBLY ARE REFLECTIVE OF SOME OF THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES DEBATE
PRESUMABLY TAKING PLACE IN MOSCOW ON THE SUBJECT.

2. PARAMONOV, IN A ONE-PAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE FIRST YEAR OF
THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, ASSERTS THAT THE USG IS STILL
WEDDED TO THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATING FROM A "POSITION OF STRENGTH",
WHILE CLAIMING TO HAVE MOVED FROM AN ERA OF CONFRONTATION TO
ONE OF NEGOTIATION. NOTING THAT SALT REPRESENTS A "POSITIVE
TENDENCY," PARAMONOV ADDS THAT ADMINISTRATION DEFENSE REQUESTS
HAVE GIVEN A "GREEN LIGHT" FOR MIRV DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HE SAYS
CANNOT BE INTERPRETED AS OTHER THAN ITS ADHERENCE TO NEGOTIATING
FROM STRENGTH. BY IMPLICATION, SUCH AN APPROACH IS BOUND TO
FAIL.

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3. DISCUSSING ADMINISTRATION'S NEW BUDGET, MATVEYEV SAID THAT TRADITIONAL APPROACH OF US MILITARY LEADERS OF CRYING WOLF AS WAY OF OBTAINING INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS IS MEETING WITH US PUBLIC SKEPTICISM. ACCORDING TO MATVEYEV, FACT THAT MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AND THEIR SUPPORTERS IN HIGH PLACES VIEW SALT WITH TERROR, AS OPPOSED TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO SEE HOPE IN SALT, INDICATES PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE. WHILE THE PATH WILL NOT BE SMOOTH, MATVEYEV EXHIBITED OPTIMISM THAT PROGRESS WILL BE ACHIEVED DESPITE OPPOSITION FROM MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

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